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All--

I have now completed my assigned duties as a member of the State Board of Education. Today, I attended a meeting of CMAC, my last one. Normally, I give a detailed report of my observations; this time, that part will be brief. In addition this time I would like to:

1. Express appreciation to all of you for the work for you do and for the pleasant associations (not everything was pleasant) that we have shared over the past years (for me, 16 years). Thank you for your contributions. Naturally I agree with some of you more often than others, but I value your commitment and recognize that all of you give considerable effort to education matters and the lives of students. Thank you for them and for me.

2. I wish to express a personal Christmas greeting to all of you. Susan and I are much blessed by you and many others and we value that association very much. You deserve a warm season of rest and celebration!

3. My service on CMAC as been particularly delightful. These folks are highly committed and I have found our association enlightening and inspiring. Thank you.

4. Today, we held our last CMAC meeting of the year. Items discussed:

a. Reconciliation of State Data Collection with the CDRC Report  
b. Discussion of a proposed DACA Webinar meeting which would help immigrants understand steps to obtaining legal status. CMAC members weighed in strongly on this issue, indicating by motion their support of the training and (given the recent action of the Attorney General) their feeling at this point to act **when appropriate**.

c. An insightful examination of the role of CMAC as an advisory committee to the State Board of Education: emphasizing the importance of any recommendations to the Board they make and the important role of being eyes and ears for the Board on minority issues.

Again, thank you all, and Merry Christmas!

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